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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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DEVICE FOR TAKING AND EXAMINING SAMPLES

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Attn: Box PCT

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is U.S. National Stage Application of International Application No. PCT/EP98/03764, filed 19 June 1998.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

M/EAt line 1 of claim 2, please delete "or 2".

At line 1 of claim 3, delete "or 2".

At line 1 of claim 5, delete or 4"

At line 1 of claim 7, delete "to 6"

At line 1 of claim 8, delete to 7"

At line 1 of claim 9, delete "or 8"

At line 1 of claim 10, detete "to 9".

At line 1 of claim 11, delete "to 10".

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